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MEMORANDUM FOR : Security/Cover

SUBJECT : Dissemination of NACA Classified Reports
REFERENCE : (A) SAPC-25309; (B) SAPC-25666

1. By now you probably have copies of the reference memos and may have discussed this matter with Mr. Bissell. After I received reference (B) from him, I visited Mr. Rhode at NACA and Maj. White and General Demler at ARDC to ascertain the actual need by industry for the data we have collected above 55 thousand and which NACA has prepared in classified report form and would like to disseminate.

2. Mr. Rhode had discussed the need for this information by industry with various people in NACA. He did not have any number of instances where withholding this information has been detrimental to national defense and the aircraft industry. However, in possibly one case this data could have been used (and I presume this is for Project 110). The aircraft industry has been asking NACA for turbulence, wind sheer and upper air data in the regions we are covering. Of course NACA is reluctant to publish a generalized report because they do not wish to jeopardize their integrity and reputation. They favor issuing a classified report and deliver it to a very few top engineers in selected aircraft and missile companies. Such companies would be decided upon, I presume, by agreement among NACA, the Air Force and our project.

3. Mr. Rhode suggested that a good occasion to deliver the report to those selected to receive it would be at the meeting of the Institute of Aeronautical Science at Los Angeles around 8 July 1958.

4. ARDC activities will be queried by Maj. Gerald White to determine whether the aircraft and missile industries are being hurt in their future design studies because of lack of the data we are able to collect from 55 to 70 thousand. If ARDC believes the data to be needed and that it is more harmful to withhold it than to clear the necessary number of people to receive it, I recommend we follow the action outlined in my memo (Ref A). If on the other hand ARDC says the industry is not being hurt, I recommend we withhold dissemination of the NACA reports, except that in each instance where an aircraft or missile company comes in to them asking for this information (either NACA or ARDC), we review their

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requirement and if it is deemed appropriate, we then clear certain people in that particular company to receive the information.

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5. Since I will be clear of the project by the time Maj. White reports his findings, I have told him to deliver the information to [REDACTED] who will pass it on to you for your discussion with Mr. Bissell and whatever action he approves.

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Deputy Director, DPS/DCI

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